

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS

First Minister of Wales

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Dear Mark

Scrutiny of regulations arising from the UK's exit from the European Union - Protocol between the Welsh Government and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee of Senedd Cymru

The Committee met this week to discuss and agree our ways of working and early business for this Sixth Senedd. We agreed that one of our early priorities is to seek to re-establish the Protocol that was put in place by our predecessor Committee in the Fifth Senedd and the Welsh Government relating to the scrutiny of regulations arising from the UK's exit from the European Union.

In the process of revising the Protocol late in the autumn of 2020, I note that you wrote to the Chair of our predecessor Committee welcoming the Protocol's positive contribution to effective working between the Welsh Government and the Senedd. I would very much welcome a Protocol that is fit for purpose in the Sixth Senedd continuing to facilitate such productive working relationships.

My purpose in writing is therefore to seek your in principle agreement to resurrect the Protocol and, if so, to suggest that the Clerking team contact relevant officials in the Welsh Government to explore any changes that may be necessary. I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Huw Irranca-Davies

Chair

